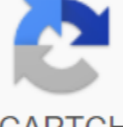


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And, in fact, Google has never released a Honeycomb source. Improvements in Honeycomb were announced on Google IO in May 2011 as Android 3.1, and Android 3.2 followed after that. But Honeycomb is mostly seen as a forgotten version. Android 2.3 Gingerbread (end 2010) Android 2.3 Gingerbread came out of the oven in December 2010, and as Eclair had the new Googlephone to go along with - Nexus S. Gingerbread brings a few user interface improvements for Android, things like a more consistent feeling through menus and dialogues, and a new black bar notifications, but still looks and feels like Android we're used to, with the addition of a new set of language support. Gingerbread also supports new technologies. NFC (Near Field Communication) is now supported, and support for SIP (Internet Call) is now native to Android. Further optimization for better battery life round out a good upgrade. 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The release of the polished UI design started at Ice Cream Sandwich, and brought some great new features to the table. Aside from a new focus on responsiveness with Project Butter, Jelly Bean brings multiplayer accounts, action notifications, screen lock widgets, quick settings in the notification bar, photosphere to stock Android cameras and Google Now. Jelly Bean is hailed by many as a turning point for Android, where all the great services and customization options finally meet great design guidelines. It was certainly very visually pleasing and we would argue that it was one of the most beautiful looking mobile operating systems available at the time. Outdated versions of Yes, Legacy: Android versions are older than 4.0, while still used on a very small number of devices, are considered outdated versions and are generally not supported by Google, manufacturers and app developers. If your phone or tablet is still running one of them, it's absolutely time to upgrade. Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich (end 2011) Honeycomb's sequel was announced on Google IO in May 2011 and released in December 2011. Named Ice Cream Sandwich and finally designated Android 4.0, ICS has brought many Honeycomb design elements to smartphones, while refining the Honeycomb Experience. The first device to launch with ICS was the Samsung Galaxy Nexus. Motorola Xoom and ASUS Transformer Prime were the first tablets to receive updates, while the Samsung Nexus S was the first smartphone to make the leap to Android 4.0. Android 3.x Honeycomb (early 2011) Android 3.0 Honeycomb came out in February 2011 with Motorola Xoom. This is the first (and only) version of Android specially made for tablets, and it has brought many new user interface elements to the table. Things like the new bar system at the bottom of the screen to replace the status bar we see on phones, and the latest button apps are a great addition to the screen real estate offered by Android tablets. Some of Google's standard apps have also been updated for use with Honeycomb, including the Gmail app and the Talk app. Both made great use of the snippets, and the Talk app added video chat and call support built-in inches under the hood of vastly improved 3D rendering and hardware acceleration. We can't talk about Honeycomb, let alone that it also shows a new Google distribution method where manufacturers get code and license to use it only after their hardware selection has been approved by Google. This weakens the third party because the source code is no longer available for download and assembly. And, in fact, Google has never released a Honeycomb source. Improvements in Honeycomb were announced on Google IO in May 2011 as Android 3.1, and Android 3.2 followed after that. But Honeycomb is mostly seen as a forgotten version. Android 2.3 Gingerbread (end 2010) Android 2.3 Gingerbread came out of the oven in December 2010, and as Eclair had the new Googlephone to go along with - Nexus S. Gingerbread brings a few user interface improvements for Android, things like a more consistent feeling through menus and dialogues, and a new black bar notifications, but still looks and feels like Android we're used to, with the addition of a new set of language support. Gingerbread also supports new technologies. NFC (Near Field Communication) is now supported, and support for SIP (Internet Call) is now native to Android. Further optimization for better battery life round out a good upgrade. Behind the scenes, the guys at Mountain View spent time with more JIT (Just-In-Time compiler) optimization, and made big improvements to Android's garbage collection, which should stop any stuttering and improve the smoothness of the user interface. Round that with a new multi-media framework for better audio and video file support. Android 2.2 Froyo (mid 2010) Android 2.2 Froyo was announced in May 2010 at the Google IO conference in San Francisco. The biggest change was the introduction of the Just-In-Time Compiler - or JIT - which greatly speeds up the phone's computing power. Along with JIT, Android 2.2 also brings support to Adobe Flash 10.1. This means you can play your favorite flash games in the Android web browser. Take this, iPhone! Froyo has also brought native support for binding, meaning that you can use the connection to your Android smartphone's data to provide the Internet (wirelessly or with a USB cable) on almost any device you want. Sadly, most carriers are jubilant this native support in exchange for some kind of feature they can sweat for. (Can't blame them, can you?) Android 2.0-2.1 Eclair (end 2009) Eclair was a pretty important step later than its predecessors. Introduced in late 2009, Android 2.0 first appeared on the Motorola Droid, resulting in improvements to the browser, Google Maps, and a new user interface. Google Maps Navigation was also born in Android 2.0, quickly bringing the platform on par with other stand-up GPS navigation systems. Android 2.0 quickly gave way to the 2.0.1 that the droid received in December 2009, mostly bringing bugfixes. And to date, the droid remains the phone that clearly got Android 2.0.1. The now defunct Google Nexus One was the first device to get Android 2.1 when it launched into 2010, bringing souped-up user interface with cool 3D-style graphics. From there, the rollout of Android 2.1 has relatively slow and painful. Manufacturers missed Android 2.0 in favor of the latest version, but need time to customize their settings such as Motorola's Motoblur. HTC Desire and Legend phones launched with Android 2.1 later this year, advertising the new and improved User Interface Sense. Android 1.6 Donut (end 2009) Donut, released in September 2009, expanded the features that came with Android 1.5. While not very rich in the eye candy department, Android 1.6 has made some significant improvements behind the scenes, and provided the main base for amazing features in the future. For end users, the two biggest changes should be improvements in the Android market, and universal search. Behind the screen, Donut has brought support to high-resolution touchscreens, vastly improved camera and gallery support, and, perhaps most importantly, native support to Verizon and Sprint phones. Without the technology in Android 1.6, there would be no Motorola Droid X or HTC EVO 4G - the two main phones for these carriers. The devices, released from Android 1.6, cover a wide range of flavors and features, including Motorola Devour, Garminphone and Sony Ericsson Xperia X10. Android 1.5 Cupcake (mid 2009) Cupcake was the first major overhaul of Android. Android 1.5 SDK was released in April 2009 and brought with it a lot of user interface changes, the biggest is probably the support of widgets and folders on home screens. There were a lot of changes behind the scenes, too. Cupcake has brought features such as improved Bluetooth support, video camera features and new download services such as YouTube and Picasa. Android 1.5 ushered in the era of modern Android phone, and explosion devices included favorites like HTC Hero and Eris, Samsung Moment, and Motorola Cliq. Click.

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